



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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May 30, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FMD0001039 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2005, West Maintenance Area, vicinities of Northridge, Pacoima, Woodland Hills, Glendale, and Santa Clarita (3 and 5), TruGreen LandCare, with changes amounting to a credit of \$13,254.96, and a final contract amount of \$608,163.04.

Project ID No. RDC0014724 - Pico Canyon Road, vicinity of Stevenson Ranch (5), Belaire West Landscape, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$11,100.00, and a final contract amount of \$305,430.00.

Project ID No. RMD3346004 - Roadside Fast Growing Tree Trimming, RD 336, et al., MD 3, FY 2005-06, vicinities of Calabasas and Malibu (3), Trimming Land Co., Inc., with changes in the amount of \$4,584.00, and a final contract amount of \$114,440.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work, which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FMD0001039, RDC0014724, and RMD3346004.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$13,254.96 to an increase in the amount of \$4,584.00, while the total value of the contracts range from \$114,440.00 to \$608,163.04.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works. The Pico Canyon Road project was awarded by the Director of Public Works as authorized by your Board's August 16, 2005, action to complete the landscaping of medians as quickly as possible.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001039, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2005, WEST MAINTENANCE AREA (in the vicinities of Northridge, Pacoima, Woodland Hills, Glendale, and Santa Clarita), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5

Contractor: TruGreen LandCare, 7755 Deering Avenue, Canoga Park, California 91304

Project Description:

Clearing of vegetation and debris from channel rights of way and channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

Change in Work:

Dump Fees (\$13,254.96)

Description of Change:

The contract specifications provide for an allowance to compensate the contractor for dump fees, with provisions that payment will be based on the actual costs incurred. The actual costs of the dump fees incurred by the contractor were less than the amount of the allowance. The cost for this work was based on time and materials as provided in Section III-C of the contract specifications.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on January 30, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$568,698.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	52,720.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(13,254.96)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$608,163.04</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014724, PICO CANYON ROAD (in the vicinity of Stevenson Ranch), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Belaire West Landscape, Inc., P.O. Box 6270, Buena Park, California 90622

Project Description:

Landscaping of roadway medians, which includes planting of trees, shrubs, and ground cover; construction of concrete pavement and concrete maintenance path; and installation of an automatic irrigation system.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$11,100.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on the contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 22, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

In addition, the contractor requested four hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$316,740.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	(11,100.00)
Deduction for overtime inspection	<u>(210.00)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$305,430.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3346004, ROADSIDE FAST GROWING TREE TRIMMING,  
RD 336, ET AL., MD3, FY 2005-06 (in the vicinities of Calabasas and Malibu),  
Supervisory District 3

Contractor: Trimming Land Co., Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate,  
California 90280

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$3,384.00
(2) Tree Removal	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$4,584.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) A 44-inch diameter tree located in the vicinity of Topanga Canyon Boulevard was removed in order to provide clear access to an existing fire hydrant.

The costs for Items 1 and 2 were based on contract unit prices.

Four additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on April 21, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$109,856.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>4,584.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$114,440.00</u>

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